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### **Pierce County Medical Society**

#### **HISTORY**

The Pierce County Medical Society (PCMS) was incorporated in 1888. Among the stated purposes of the Society is to advance medical education in the region, encourage community intercourse on medical and health issues, and to advocate for its members and other physicians in Pierce County. PCMS was established to function as a part of a system of city, county, and district medical societies under the direction of the Washington State Medical Association. In 1917, PCMS members organized the Pierce County Industrial Medical Bureau, which sought to handle workmen's compensation claims.

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The records of the Pierce County Medical Society cover the years 1881 to 1976 and include annual reports, biographical files, contracts, correspondence, legal case files, membership registration cards, minutes, minute books, publications, registers, reports, and a scrapbook.

The correspondence covers the years 1890 to 1976, with the bulk of the material dating from 1912 to 1921. Subjects addressed in the correspondence and the minutes include the influenza epidemic of 1918, the participation of local physicians in World War I, and the ethics case of Dr. Albert Bridge.

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1881-1976

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

**VOLUME:** 2.5 linear feet

**ACCESSION No.** 1981.12

#### **FILE LISTING**

**Box 1: Annual Reports, Articles of Incorporation, Biographical Files, Constitutions and Bylaws, Contracts, Correspondence, Financial Records, Historical Account, Historical**

**Notes, Legal Case Files, Legislative Proposal, Medical Reports and Studies, Medical Statements of PCMS Members, and Membership and Mailing Lists.**

1. Annual Reports: 1916, 1918.
2. Articles of Incorporation. King County Medical Service. 1933-35
3. Articles of Incorporation. Pierce County Industrial, Medical, and Surgical Service Bureau. 1917
4. Biographical Files: Bostwick, H. C.
5. Biographical Files: Bridge, Albert.
6. Biographical Files: Case, C. E.
7. Biographical Files: Howard, Frances
8. Biographical Files: McCutheon, Charles
9. Biographical Files: Spinning, Charles Hadley
10. Biographical Files: Whitacre, Alma
11. Biographical Files: Wintermute, James
12. Biographical Files: Yocom, James Reed
13. Business Cards: Doctors' (PCMS members) Cards. 1917-19
14. Constitutions and Bylaws. Undated (various drafts)
15. Constitutions and Bylaws. Other Medical Associations. 1964 (Tacoma Surgical Club Inc., Army and Navy Medical Officers' Association of the State of Wash.
16. Contracts: Fannie Paddock Hospital. 1891
17. Contacts: Misc. (Employment agreement between PCMS and Frances Frisbee-Society Librarian, individual members' contracts) 1917-34
18. Contracts: PCMS Standard Contract Forms. 1933-38
19. Correspondence: 1890-91. (Appointment of the Medical Board-copies of the originals)
20. Correspondence: 1912-16. (Membership roster request, non-payment of membership dues, Association of Presidents of county Medical Societies meeting)
21. Correspondence: January-March 1917.
22. Correspondence: April-September 1917.
23. Correspondence: October-December 1917.
24. Correspondence: January-February 1918.
25. Correspondence: March-May 1918.
26. Correspondence: June-September 1918.
27. Correspondence: October-December 1918.
28. Correspondence: January-May 1919.
29. Correspondence: June-September 1919.
30. Correspondence: October-December 1919.
31. Correspondence: 1920-21. (Fragments)
32. Correspondence: 1933-38. (Resignation of Carl Stomberg from the Western Clinic, charges against Dr. Albert Bridge, Dr. Bridge's resignation from the Society, contract review)

33. Correspondence: 1975-76. (Dr. Albert Bridge, "The Ark" column in the PCMS Bulletin, loan of photographs for KOMO-TV show)
34. Financial Records: Bank Statements and Account Books. 1912-22
35. Financial Records: Membership Dues. 1916-21
36. Financial Records: Misc. 1916-20 (General Fund Ledger, Lease between PCMS and Puget Sound Bank and Trust Co., Library Expense Report)
37. Financial Records: Treasurers' Reports. 1910-13
38. Historical Account: St. Joseph's Hospital. 1898-1905
39. Historical Notes on the Society. 1909
40. Legal Case Files: Fairfax vs. Beach. 1919-76 (Malpractice)
41. Legal Case Files: PCMS vs. Dr. Albert Bridge. 1935-37 (Contract with a Seattle business violated the code of ethics of the American Medical Association)
42. Legal Case Files: PCMS vs. Thomas Curran. 1936 (Violation of the American Medical Association's code of ethics)
43. Legal Case Files: PCMS vs. Thomas Curran. 1936-38
44. Legal Case Files: Physicians and Dentists' Business Bureau vs. Richard Greenwood. 1936 (Overcharging of service, case dismissed)
45. Legislative Proposal: Initiative No. 42, Workmen's Compensation Act. 1923
46. Medical Reports and Studies: 1919.  
(Case studies and addresses on medical treatment, disease and infections presented by PCMS members at meetings.)
47. Medical Reports and Studies: 1920.
48. Medical Reports and Studies: undated.
49. Medical Statements of PCMS Members: 1881-98  
(Sworn statements signed by PCMS members regarding their birthplace, education, and origin of practice. Copied from a register-index included.)
50. Membership and Mailing Lists. Undated

**BOX 2: Membership Registration Cards, Memorial Tributes to PCMS Members, Minutes, Minutes Books, Misc.**

1. Membership Registration Cards: Parts 1-3 of 5, Allen-Houda. 1906-25
2. Membership Registration Cards: Parts 4-5, of 5, Nace-Yocum. 1906-25
3. Membership Registration Cards: Part 1 of 3, Anderson-Hansen. 1926-45
4. Membership Registration Cards: Part 2 of 3, Hanson-Morse. 1926-45
5. Membership Registration Cards: Part 3 of 3, Muir-Yoder. 1926-45
6. Memorial Tributes to PCMS Members. 1917-19 (Memos, cards, pronouncements)
7. Minutes: (Ledger Book) 1888-89. (In oversized flat file storage)
8. Minutes: (Ledger Book) June 18, 1890-March 11, 1891 (Constitution and By-laws, as adopted on June 25, 1890, at the beginning of the volume)
9. Minutes: (Ledger Book) 1903-1914
10. Minutes: 1903-05. (Copied from a ledger)

11. Minutes: 1906-07. (Copied from a ledger)
12. Minutes: 1908-09. (Copied from a ledger)
13. Minutes: 1910-11. (Copied from a ledger)
14. Minutes: 1912. (Copied from a ledger)
15. Minutes: 1913-14. (Copied from a ledger)
16. Minutes: (Ledger Book) 1915
17. Minutes: (Ledger Book) January 18, 1916-May 8, 1928
18. Minutes: January-February. 1918 (Many PCMS members in military service, noted)
19. Minutes: March-May. 1918
20. Minutes: June-December. 1918
21. Minutes: January-April. 1919 (Flu-pneumonia epidemic at Camp Lewis, treatment of influenza, hearing and the ear, conditions in the South, experiences in WW I, morphine)
22. Minutes: May-December. 1919
23. Minutes: (Ledger Book) September 11, 1928-September 24, 1946
24. Minutes: Stockholder and Trustee Boards. 1917-19
25. Misc.

**BOX 3: Newsletter, Newspaper and Magazine Articles, Pamphlets, Publications, Receipts, Registers, Report, Resolutions, Scrapbook, Speech.**

1. Newsletter: PCMS Bulletin "Ark Speaks" Column. May-July 1976 (Feature in the Bulletin devoted to recalling the history of the PCMS)
2. Newspaper and Magazine Articles. 1917-76
3. Pamphlets: Rush Medical College Materials. 1887-93
4. Publications: American Medical Association Publications. 1916-34
5. Publications: Better Babies Bureau (Women's Home Companion) Pamphlets. 1913-16
6. Publications: By-laws of the Wash. State Medical Association and Medical Defense Fund Regulations. 1921
7. Publications: Misc. 1919-23 (*Public Health League Messenger of Washington, Report of the Conference of the Secretaries of the Constituent state Medical Associations, Hospital Standardization: A Report of the Committee of the King County Medical Society.*)
8. Publications: Rules of the Medical Aid Board of the State of Washington. Undated
9. Publications: *Tacoma General Hospital Bulletin, Topix.* 1924-51
10. Publications: Wash. State Dept. of Licensing Guides to Medical Licenses. (Chiropractic, Chiropodist, Drugless Physician, Osteopath, Physician and Surgeon) 1921
11. Receipts: 1920-22
12. Register and Minutes: Fannie Paddock Hospital. 1892-1909
13. Registers: Fannie Paddock Hospital Patient Registers. 1887-92 (Copies)
14. Registers: Pierce County Medical Register Index. 1904
15. Registers: Record of Medical Licenses, Pierce County. 1904

16. Registers: Register of Physicians and Accoucheurs In Pierce County. 1903 (Copy)
17. Report: Entertainment Committee Report. 1920
18. Report: Investigative Study on Health Conditions In Tacoma. 1919 (Report given to Board of Trustees of Tacoma commercial Club and Chamber of Commerce)
19. Report: Preliminary Report of Publicity Committee. Undated
20. Resolutions Adopted By PCMS. 1891-1937
21. Scrapbook: 1934-45. (Newspaper Clippings on PCMS members)
22. Speech: Random Notes and Impressions. Warren Brown. May 1919 (Delivered at the California State Medical Society meeting and PCMS)